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Mrs. E. E. White *card*

Dear Mrs. White:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 21 in which you reminisce a bit about your association with the firm of Sullivan and Cromwell. You may be sure that the firm is indeed "still going strong" and I frequently have occasion to see some of my old associates there.

I might take the occasion to correct one misimpression you have and that is that the Dulles you knew was not my father but rather my older brother.

With every best wish.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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My dear Sir:

I am hoping you will find a moment, during your very busy day, to read the following.

The Sunday edition of the St. Petersburg Times includes a magazine section called "Parade". It carries a questions and answers column. In the May 8th edition some one asked "What did Allen Dulles do before joining the Central Intelligence Agency?" The answer was, "Allen Dulles was an attorney in the offices of Sullivan & Cromwell, New York City."

You have no idea of the joy that came to my old heart to learn that the dear old firm of Sullivan & Cromwell was still going strong!

I joined the firm in 1906 (49 Wall Street) and was assigned to work with a Mr. Rupton, real estate attorney. For a stenographer it was most uninteresting work.

I can still see the entrance to the offices — a door opening in the middle with two glass panels. On the right-hand panel, the

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names of the male personnel were listed.  
William Wilson Crowmell, Joseph Sullivan, Mr.  
Dupton, Charles Yeomans, and last, but not  
least John Foster Dulles.

Your father was either very shy where young  
women were concerned, or had made up his mind  
to be a V.I.P. and be certainly admired! He was  
always cordial with his "Good morning, Miss [name]"  
but never dispensed such trivialities as "You  
are looking particularly nice today" as some  
of the others did!

Your father must have been quite young. I am  
78. I left Pullman Crowmell in 1907 to be married.

Well may you be proud to be the son of such  
a fine, distinguished man.

I too, am proud to have known him in  
his youth and to be able to tell of being  
employed in the same firm.

I feel sure you will appreciate the above,  
and, who knows? - it may be a brief respite  
from the Summit-Conference Crisis.

Sincerely yours  
(over 10<sup>21</sup>) Elizabeth E. White

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